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A MAN WHO IS LAUGHED AT.

The STAR was certain that Claus Spreckels, on his arrival in Washington, would be as amusing as Artemus Ward's kangaroo, and it is not disappointed. Mr. Spreckels began to talk to the reporters as soon as they came within range, and the more he ran at the mouth the more he increased the harmless gaiety of the press and of the American law-makers. "There is a great deal to do over the occupation and improvement of Pearl Harbor," said this engaging gabbler, "and there seems to be a total lack of appreciation of the nature of that harbor." As if this was not enough to touch the risibles of men whose Government had sent its most accomplished naval, army and engineer officers here to survey that harbor, and who knew more about it than Spreckels in his native ignorance ever dreamed of, the grotesque commentator had to go on and say: "Entrance to the harbor will have to be blasted through a coral reef at great expense. If vessels of the United States should try to emerge from the harbor in face of a single formidable ironclad they would probably be hammered to pieces."

Excuse these smiles! The United States have the authority of one of their admirals and two of their generals, including the present commander of the American army, and the evidence of their engineers, to show that Pearl Harbor could be made, by a mere trifling expenditure, one of the most perfect ports in the world. It is completely land-locked so that a coaling and military station could be readily defended, and is spacious enough for the navies of Europe and America combined; while the removal of the narrow strip of coral at the entrance would be boy's play to a dredger and to a man with mild explosives. Touching the absurdity of American vessels being hammered to pieces in trying to get out of the entrance channel, somebody should tell Mr. Spreckels that our navy forces would not be caught napping inland in time of war, but would have patrol ships on duty outside of all threatened ports; that the appearance of a hostile vessel on the horizon would be the signal for our fleet to cast loose; and that harbor entrances are usually defended by guns heavy enough to keep a maritime enemy at a distance. Spreckels apparently has never heard of such things, and is in sad need of a primer of the defensive arts, a work which some military or naval man at Washington should hasten to put at his disposal with an alphabet to read it by.

The funniest thing in Mr. Spreckels' weird talk, however, is contained in the following:

"Now if a protectorate is established I will use all my influence to secure for the United States a coaling station at the entrance of the harbor of Honolulu, commanding the city and superior to any other location in the whole Islands. It can be made available at an expenditure of no more than \$75,000, and the United States shall have free simple of it if I have to purchase it and make it a present to the Government."

As Spreckels has bought up all the obtainable land about the lines of Honolulu harbor, as well as about the harbor of Hilo, and as he has been unable to get control of the Pearl Harbor waterfront, the African in the wood pile is painfully prominent. The scheming monopolist wants to beat Pearl Harbor and have the station near his own property—thereby, as Iago told the other fellow, "putting money in his purse." To do this he presumes to inform the War and Navy Departments that their Government works should be put on the extreme edge of the coast, beside a most contracted and inadequate harbor not at all land-locked and in a situation which all naval officers who have been detailed to investigate have reported against, and one which the Hawaiian Government has not tendered. With his usual assurance he vetoes every recommendation that the American engineers have made.

And this is why we laugh! No doubt the American statesmen who are compelled to listen to the speculative and hebetudinous garrulity of the rich peasant laugh also. Indeed, why shouldn't they, knowing the Hawaiian

situation as they do and Spreckels' motives as they must? In fact the old man must be by this time the standing joke of Washington.

It is unfortunate that word should be sent to the Coast that money is scarce and times hard on these Islands. While it is true that local prosperity is lower than it was during the flush times, before the passage of the McKinley bill, it is equally true that people get along here very well indeed and are in easy circumstances, with plenty to eat, plenty to wear and the wherewithal to amuse themselves. There is no city in California where the average citizen is doing so well in a business way as he is here. As a rule, he is contented to stay. Besides this, there is no country where a better reward is held out in various lines of productive industry to the man who is not afraid to work, and who has a small capital to invest in the raising of fruit and vegetables.

It is natural enough for the *Holomua*, as a humble whipper-in for Mr. Spreckels, to oppose the effort to cut off the Oceanic subsidy; but where that paper got the idea that its advice in the matter would be needed or heeded by the Annexation party is one of those things no fellow can find out. The *Holomua* may be sure that if a legal way can be found to abolish the subsidy, by mandamus or otherwise, there are plenty of people ready to take the initiative. The time has come when the Americans in Hawaii are as determined to shake off the monopolistic tyranny of the Agent of the Sugar Trust as they were his political despotism.

THIRCE the branded cat of the *Holomua* has mewed for Spreckels. Does it want the aid of his "Claws" with which to hang on a little while longer to its back fence of publicity?

CAPTAIN NELSON DENIES

STORIES OF DESERTION FROM THE ADAMS.

And Furnishes a "Star" Representative With Some Facts Concerning the Alleged Reports.

Late exchanges from San Francisco contain much about the United States ships at Honolulu, some of it being true, some of it partially true and most of it utterly untrue. Take the following, for instance, which appeared in the *Call* of the 13th:

VALLEJO, Sept. 12.—In compliance with orders from the Navy Department at Washington, another draft of seamen has been assigned to the United States ship *Adams*, now at Honolulu. This draft was detached this morning from the receiving-ship *Independence* at Mare Island, and ordered to take passage on the first steamer sailing from San Francisco for Honolulu.

From naval authorities it has been ascertained to-day that the present draft makes the fourth which has been forwarded to the *Adams* since her departure from the navy-yard early in the present summer. From the same source it is ascertained that owing to Commander Nelson's despotism and tyrannical actions toward the crew of his ship his men are deserting at every opportunity, going in squads of five and six at a time.

Large rewards are offered for their return, but knowing the circumstances which forced the men to desert, the Hawaiian police refuse to take the men into custody or assist Commander Nelson's marines in returning the captives to the ship. By reference to the records, it was learned that the Navy Department experienced the same trouble with Commander Nelson while he was in command of a ship on the Asiatic station, in consequence of which he was ordered home and relieved of the command. Since the *Adams* has been at Honolulu she has received more men and more desertions have been recorded against her than all the ships of the entire Pacific fleet.

"There is not a single word of truth in the above; it is utterly false from beginning to end," said Captain Nelson of the *Adams* to a STAR representative this morning while seated in his cosy cabin on board that ship. "The first draft of seamen sent to this ship from Mare Island numbered fourteen men, who came to make up the deficiency in the crew. We were that many short of our complement when we left Mare Island. The other drafts are simply made from time to time in order to fill up the places of men whose time has expired. The present crew of the *Adams* is largely made up from the crew of the *Pensacola*, who have been away on the China station. These are what we call 'short time men,' that is, they have only a few months more to serve. They are sent home when their time expires and of course others have to be drafted from the receiving-ship *Independence* at Mare Island to supply their places."

"With regard to the actual desertion," continued the captain, "there is the official list from the time the *Adams* reached Honolulu to the present day:

"Cahling, A. R., ordinary seaman.
Sydemon A., seaman.
O'Brien J., ordinary seaman.
Moller N., ordinary seaman.
Joensen J., ordinary seaman.
Wood W., private marine corps.
Nokoni E. J., storage cook."

"Four of the above were merchant seamen who shipped at San Francisco and were not used to the discipline of a man-of-war. They went to Hilo expecting to get on a bark but when they reached there the captain of the bark would not have them. Marshal Hitchcock sent some of them from Hilo here and instead of ordering them regularly court-martialed as I might have done for deserting, I merely ordered a summary court-martial for overstaying leave, the punishment for

which is a month's bread and water and forfeiture of pay for three months. Of the others the one who shipped as a marine was utterly worthless as such, and knew nothing whatever about his duties. He was better off the ship than on it, as were the others. Nokoni was a Japanese who deserted and got away on a Japanese steamer. He was ordered, through the Japanese Government, to return to Japan and serve his term of military service. Failing in this, his family would have been severely punished. He had previously applied for a discharge, but under the rules of the service it could not be granted. I think the record of the *Adams*, in the matter of desertions, will stand comparison with any ship in the navy."

"With regard to desertions from my ship while on the Asiatic station, it is utterly untrue. I was in command of the *Palos* two years and a half. Most of the men of my company had been on that station from five to fifteen years, and many of them are married to Japanese women. Desertions are very rare on that station."

"With regard to my being despotism and tyrannical, I have nothing to say. You can ask any member of my ship's company on that score."

"I think these attacks emanate from the *Vallejo Chronicle*, which has been persistently hounding me since I was at Mare Island in 1888 as equipment officer. I discharged a lot of hangers-on from the yard whose votes were needed for political purposes and got myself in bad odor among a certain class of politicians whose ends I refused to serve. In fact, when on inspection duties and otherwise I was always interfering in boudoir schemes, and the *Vallejo* paper has never forgiven me for it."

ISLAND SUGAR.

Extracts From Castle & Cooke's Latest Circular.

The following is taken from a circular letter issued by Castle & Cooke yesterday:

CUBA CENTRIFUGALS.—Have further advanced, and the market closed firm. Sales have been reported between September 13th and 20th of 55,700 bags, at prices advancing from 33¢ to 37¢.

GRANULATED.—The price remains at \$5.18 in New York and 60¢ in San Francisco.

BEETS.—Fluctuating between 15¢ and 14¢. 9d per cwt.

ARRIVALS.—Of island cargoes have been one, viz: September 21st, W. G. Irwin, from Honolulu; basis, 3:27-32. The revised estimates of the European beet crop estimate a small shortage over last year, notwithstanding increased showings of from 7½ to 10 per cent. The indications continue to become more favorable as to a higher price for sugar next crop.

POLICE REMOVALS.

Reduction in All Departments From Motives of Economy.

The expenditures of the Police Department for the first eight months of this year have aggregated \$48,000. In order to keep within the bounds of the Appropriation Bill a reduction of the Police force has become absolutely necessary, and from motives of economy three members of the mounted police, four of the harbor police and five specials were laid off to-day. A reduction has also been made in the detective force and in the force of guards at the prison, while those remaining submit to a reduction of salary. Marshal Hitchcock wishes it distinctly understood that in spite of the reduction of the force he has enough men to guard the outlying districts of the city and will continue to do so.

Y. M. C. A. Reception

The reception to boys at the Young Men's Christian Association last evening was well attended. At 6 o'clock about eighty boys sat down to a fine collation that had been prepared for them by Mrs. Henry Waterhouse and other lady friends of the association. After the boys had enjoyed this, a musical program was presented as follows:

1. Piano solo.....Miss Paralee
2. Flute solo.....L. Barotte
3. Recitation.....Miss Rhodes
4. Club singing.....Professor Toney
5. Cornet solo.....Mr. Cruder
6. Mandolin solo.....Mr. Ordway

At the close of the musical program Secretary Corbett addressed the boys on the possibilities of work for boys.

The Collector General of Customs has an important notice about entries in the "By Authority" column.

PERSONAL.

William H. Hoogs of this city has a son.

W. M. Giffard has returned from a trip to Hawaii.

Robert Louis Stevenson will remain with us until the next steamer, whereat the whole community rejoiceth.

L. A. Andrews, recently appointed senior captain of the police force, did not arrive from Maui this morning as was expected.

C. V. Sturdevant, recently from the States, has joined the *Bulletin* "staff" as collector. The STAR wishes him unbounded success in his avocation.

Among the passengers who returned from the volcano to-day were Drs. Sharp and Libby, Professor Bingham, Judge Davidson and Miss Emma L. Clark.

BY AUTHORITY.

CUSTOMS REGULATION.

From and after date, entries must be expressed in the currency of the United States, reduced from the equivalent values of foreign currencies heretofore established.

Importers will also fill out the permits and present the same in the terms of, and in agreement with their entries.

(Signed) JAMES B. CASTLE,
Approved Collector General of Customs,
(Signed) S. M. DAMON,
Minister of Finance.
Honolulu, October 2nd, 1893. 159-1W.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LOT ESPLANADE, HONOLULU, OAHU.

On FRIDAY, October 27th, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of the Executive Building, will be sold at Public Auction, Lot 69 Esplanade, situated on Alakea Street, Honolulu, Oahu, containing an area of 5000 square feet, a little more or less.

Upset price \$2,500.

J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.

Interior Office, Sept. 27, 1893. 157-3f

SALE OF TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LANDS REAR OF NUUANU STREET, HONOLULU, OAHU.

On FRIDAY, October 27th, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of the Executive Building will be sold at Public Auction, two lots of Government land in the rear of the premises occupied by T. Sorenson and J. H. Paty, Nuuanu Street, Honolulu, Oahu.

Lot 1.—Containing an area of 2769 square feet, more or less.

Upset price \$100.00.

Lot 2.—Containing an area of 472 square feet, a little more or less.

Upset price \$20.00.

J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.

Interior Office, Sept. 27, 1893. 157-3f

TENDERS FOR DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
Honolulu, Sept. 13th, 1893.

Sealed Tenders will be received at this office until WEDNESDAY, September 27, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, for supplying Drugs and Medical Supplies to all Government District Physicians, Hospitals and Dispensaries under control of the Board of Health for the term of one year from October 1st, 1893.

A list of the Drugs and Medical supplies can be procured on application at this office. The articles to be furnished must be of the very best quality only, and should be up to the requirements of the Pharmacopoeia of the United States of America unless otherwise ordered.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

WILLIAM O. SMITH,
President of the Board of Health.
145-6f

SEALED TENDERS.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the Minister of the Interior until WEDNESDAY, November 1st, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, for furnishing Yellow Metal, Coppering Nails, Felt, and other material for new wharves, Honolulu. Specifications can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The Minister of the Interior does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.

J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.

Interior Office Sept. 23rd, 1893. 153-1m

WATER NOTICE.

Owing to the drought and scarcity of water, the residents above Judd Street are requested to collect what water they may require for household purposes before 8 o'clock A.M.

ANDREW BROWN,
Supt. Honolulu Water Works.
107-1f

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

DISTRICT OF KONA, ISLAND OF OAHU.

If any personal taxes, that is to say poll tax, road tax and school tax, shall remain unpaid after the 30th day of September, ten per cent. of such taxes shall be added by the Assessor and shall be collected as a part of such taxes.

JONATHAN SHAW,
Assessor 1st Division.

Approved: S. M. DAMON,
151-9f
Minister of Finance.

IRRIGATION NOTICE.

Owing to the drought and scarcity of water, the irrigation hours are hereby suspended until further notice.

All persons disregarding the above notice are liable to have their privileges cut off without further notice.

ANDREW BROWN,
Superintendent Honolulu Water Works.
Honolulu, H. I., Aug. 30, 1893. 133-1f

New Advertisements.

Rooms with Board.

A VERY PLEASANT FRONT ROOM suitable for two persons with board can be found at

32 EMMA STREET.
158-1f

For Yokohama

"AIKOKUMARU,"

A FINE JAPANESE STEAMER

Due here first week of next month, directly from Japan, will be despatched for the above port on

Monday, Oct. 2, 1893,

Instead of Culara, as formerly advertised.

For freight and passage please apply to

K. OGURA & CO.

130-10 Agents

New Advertisements.

Reduced Boat Hire.

FROM DATE THE STEAM LAUNCH "Star" will take passengers to vessels in the harbor SUNDAYS at 25 cents for the round trip. Excursions and fishing parties by the day at reasonable rates. Launch at Pilot's boat landing. 149-1f

Kawaiahao Jellies, Bread & Cake.

Kawaiahao Seminary has established a Domestic Department and are prepared to take orders for Jellies, Bread and Cake. All orders for Fruit Cake for Thanksgiving and Christmas should be sent at once. 145-1m

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY certifies that owing to the pressure in other branches of business, has this day entrusted the entire management of liquor trade to Mr. S. Kimura of this city, who has full power of attorney to act for me in the same trade. K. OGURA.
Honolulu, August 15, 1893. 143-2w



Against the Tide

Is a hard course to row, but it is lots easier to row against the tide than to duplicate King Bros. stock of Artists' Materials in Honolulu.

Here is the largest assortment of every thing in this line and lowest prices prevail.

This week we are offering our Souvenirs of Hawaii at the reduced price of 50 cents each, which means over 50 views of Hawaiian scenery gotten up in very artistic style for Fifty cents. Don't fail to send one of these to your friends abroad. Postage 4 cents to any part of the globe.

King Bros.

HOTEL STREET
113-1f.

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Makiki Building Lot.

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An excellent location; commands superb view; good streets. A choice building lot at your own price.

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Ten acres of desirable building sites. Will subdivide if purchasers desire. A Good investment.

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on Waikiki Road; cool location; on line tram cars. Suitable for residences.

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Fifty-eight acres in Puna, Hawaii. Right in the Coffee regions. Owner must sell.

T. W. HOBSON,

Real Estate Agent.

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Cor. Fort & Merchant Sts.

Notice to Sportsmen.

ANY AND ALL PERSONS SHOOTING upon the Island of Kapapa, off Kaula, Koolau, on that portion of Koolau known as the Government road; on the land of Niu; on the land described in Royal Patent 570, situate at the junction of Kaunakoua and Paikawili Rivers, Waialae; and on the lands of Antonio J. Lopes, Waialae and Waianae, will be prosecuted.

W. W. DIMOND,
A. J. CARTWRIGHT.

The Hawaiian

Safe Deposit and Investment Co.

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For particulars apply to

THE HAWAIIAN SAFE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT CO.

146-1w

General Advertisements.

The Hawaiian News Co. Ld

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News and Music Dealers,

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AGENTS FOR

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ROBINSON BLOCK.

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ANTIQUE OAK BED ROOM SETS,

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Bruce & A. J. Cartwright,